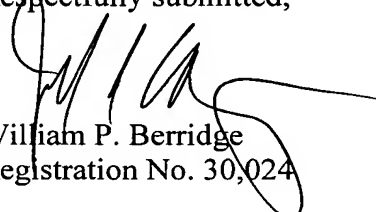11.   (Amended) The procedure for tracking and locating objects implementing a system according to claim 1, characterized in that information on the location where a document identified by the identification code of the transponder (16) has to be filed is entered in the database (32) according to a preset procedure.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-11 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3.   (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to <u>claim 1</u> either one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that the indication system is physically independent from the tracking means (18).

4.   (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to <u>claim 1</u> any one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that

the tracking means (18) comprise means for emitting a call signal;

at least one of the transponders (16) is a passive transponder equipped with receiving means for receiving said call signal and with emitting means for emitting a response signal, the receiving means being able to extract from the signal received the energy necessary for activation of the means for emitting the response signal.

5.   (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to <u>claim 1</u> any one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that

the tracking means comprise a plurality of receiver beacons, each receiver beacon having a set spatial receiving field,

the control means are connected to the receiver beacons of the tracking means by means of a multiplexer or a network.

6.   (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to <u>claim 1</u> any one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that

the tracking means comprise a plurality of emitting beacons (18), each emitting beacon having a set spatial receiving field,

the control means are connected to the emitting beacons (18) of the tracking means by means of a multiplexer (22) or a network.

7.   (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to <u>claim</u> <u>1</u>~~any one of the foregoing claims~~, characterized in that the emitted and received signals are electromagnetic signals.

8.   (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to <u>claim</u> <u>1</u>~~any one of the foregoing claims~~, characterized in that the indicating means (30) comprise display means such as light-emitting diodes or LCD screens, and/or acoustic emitting means

9.   (Amended) A procedure for tracking and locating objects implementing a system according to <u>claim 1</u>~~any one of the foregoing claims~~, characterized in that the transponder associated to the searched object is located by analysing the configuration of the antennas that "see" or don't "see" the transponder, using a binary approach.

10.   (Amended) The procedure for tracking and locating objects implementing a system according to <u>claim 1</u>~~any one of the foregoing claims~~, characterized in that the transponder associated to the searched object is located by measuring the energy absorbed by the transponder.

11.   (Amended) The procedure for tracking and locating objects implementing a system according to <u>claim 1</u>~~any one of the foregoing claims~~, characterized in that information on the location where a document identified by the identification code of the transponder (16) has to be filed is entered in the database (32) according to a preset procedure.